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ILO CONVENTION 182
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has not ratified the ILO Convention 182 on child labour;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of countries that have ratified the same; and

(d) by when the convention is likely to be ratified by India?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. India ratifies ILO Conventions only when the relevant national laws and practice are in conformity with the provisions of the Conventions. Convention 182 on Child Labour requires that a ratified member country will take immediate and effective measures to prohibit and eliminate worst forms of child labour. Inter-Ministerial and tripartite consultations were held for evolving a consensus on the issues involved in deciding upon the ratification of the Convention 182. Ratification would follow the consensus building exercise and the necessary amendment to National laws & practice.

A total of 150 countries have ratified the ILO convention 182.